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SUBJ: SENIOR OBSERVATION PROGRAM VISIT: ALI AZOUZ

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS ACCOMPANIED COLE AND MORSE DURING CALL ON TUNISIAN CUSTOMS DIRGEN ALI AZOUZ. AZOUZ WAS DEFINITE IN DESIRING POSTPONE VISIT TO U.S. UNTIL OCTOBER 1976. EMBASSY BELIEVES U.S. CUSTOMS SHOULD PLAN ACCORDINGLY, BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT AZOUZ NOT RPT NOT FIRMLY COMMITTED TO MAKE VISIT AT THAT TIME. HE CANNOT TRAVEL BEFORE THEN, HOWEVER.

2. AZOUZ SAID WE SHOULD PLAN HIS OWN STAY IN U.S. TO LAST ONLY TWO WEEKS, THE MAXIMUM TIME HE FEELS HE CAN BE AWAY FROM HIS DUTIES. HOWEVER AZOUZ INDICATED THAT HE PLANS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CLOSE SENIOR ASSOCIATE, PROBABLY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL WHOSE APPOINTMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED. AZOUZ WOULD LIKE HIS ASSOCIATE TO STAY ON IN THE U.S. FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS' OBSERVATION VISIT AFTER AZOUZ HIMSELF RETURNS TO TUNIS.

3. COLE AND EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR TOLD AZOUZ THAT THIS PLAN WOULD DOUBTLESS BE AGREEBLE TO U.S. CUSTOMS. COLE FURTHER UNDERTOOK, ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, TO
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PROVIDE EMBASSY (FOR TRANSMISSION TO AZOUZ) A TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE FOR HIS VIP VISIT. EMBASSY WOULD THEN SOLICIT
AZOUZ'S COMMENTS AND REPORT ANY CHANGES/ADDITIONS AZOUZ MIGHT
LIKE, (ALTHOUGH AZOUZ REMARKED THAT WHATEVER U.S.
CUSTOMS ARRANGED WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE JUST RIGHT.) IN THIS
CONNECTION EMBASSY ALSO PLANS TO RECOMMEND CERTAIN OTHER
CALLS AND CONTACTS WE WOULD HOPE AZOUZ COULD MAKE WHILE IN
THE U.S., RELATING TO HIS GENERAL CAREER INTERESTS IN
ECONOMIC MATTERS.
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